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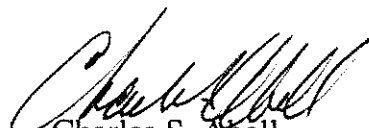
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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Vice Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. Vice Admiral Donald will not be allowed to wear the insignia of the authorized grade prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. Vice Admiral Donald's nomination for appointment to the grade of admiral while serving as the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Department of the Navy/Department of Energy, is currently pending Senate confirmation.

Sincerely,


Charles S. Abell
Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

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